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Some News from East Timor and Malang

1. The young people of the districts of Ermera, Liquica and Manatuto have been under pressure and tightly controlled by the security apparatus because it was known that during the recent General Elections the PDI ballot in all three areas was about to increase steeply.

2. The people were forced to participate in the General Elections and to vote for Golkar, if they didn't want to be considered as rebels and security disturbers.

3. The most prominent young Timorese from these areas as well as the students who were on holiday in East Timor have been controlled and closely observed the whole time by Intel and they have not been allowed to freely associate with their relatives or friends.

4. Priests and monks have been under increasing pressure involving all sorts of accusations and tight surveillance by the military over their pastoral activities. Amongst those being called up for interrogation are Father Domingos Soares and Father Ricardo da Silva.

5. The pursuit and arrest of suspected Timorese is still constantly occurring without reason.

6. The homes of those under suspicion are being entered and checked in the roughest manner by the security apparatus. They enter the houses of the people to keep them under surveillance.

7. Armed and uniformed ABRI forces are widely scattered in various places and enter the homes of the people to conduct investigations and interrogations.

8. Intel personnel are concentrated in a number of places in order to monitor the every move of the people. In the event of anything at all suspicious being noted, they directly raid and inspect the homes, threatening the occupants with violence. Intel disguise themselves in various ways, including as street vendors.

9. Replacement of members of staff is common in a number of government departments as a means of getting rid of native Timorese suspected of involvement in political activities.

10. Inspection of the identity cards of people travelling to Dili and back from the kabupatens has been tightened, particularly those to and from the two northern routes of Hera and Tibar. Public transport passengers, including women and the elderly, are subject to rough treatment if they are found to be not carrying their identity cards.

11. Every photo copy shop and photo developing centre is monitored closely by Intelligence personnel disguised in various ways.

12. A student from Malang's Universitas Merdeka called Antonio Soares Araujo was called up for interrogation by Brawijaya Commander, Brigadier General Hartono and detained for questioning for 7 hours, from morning until afternoon. The interrogations took place on 6 June, 1992, and were conducted by the Commander himself, and continued on 8 June, 1992 in the same place and for the same length of time. Those conducting the second interrogations were two captains and a colonel whose methods were brutal and forceful.

13. The military are carrying out special investigations (penelitian khusus) with regard to all East Timorese students in Java and Bali.

14. The total number of intelligence personnel assigned to monitor the activities of the East Timorese and Java and Bali has been increased. They disguise themselves in various ways and are stationed in places where East Timorese are known to be residing.

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